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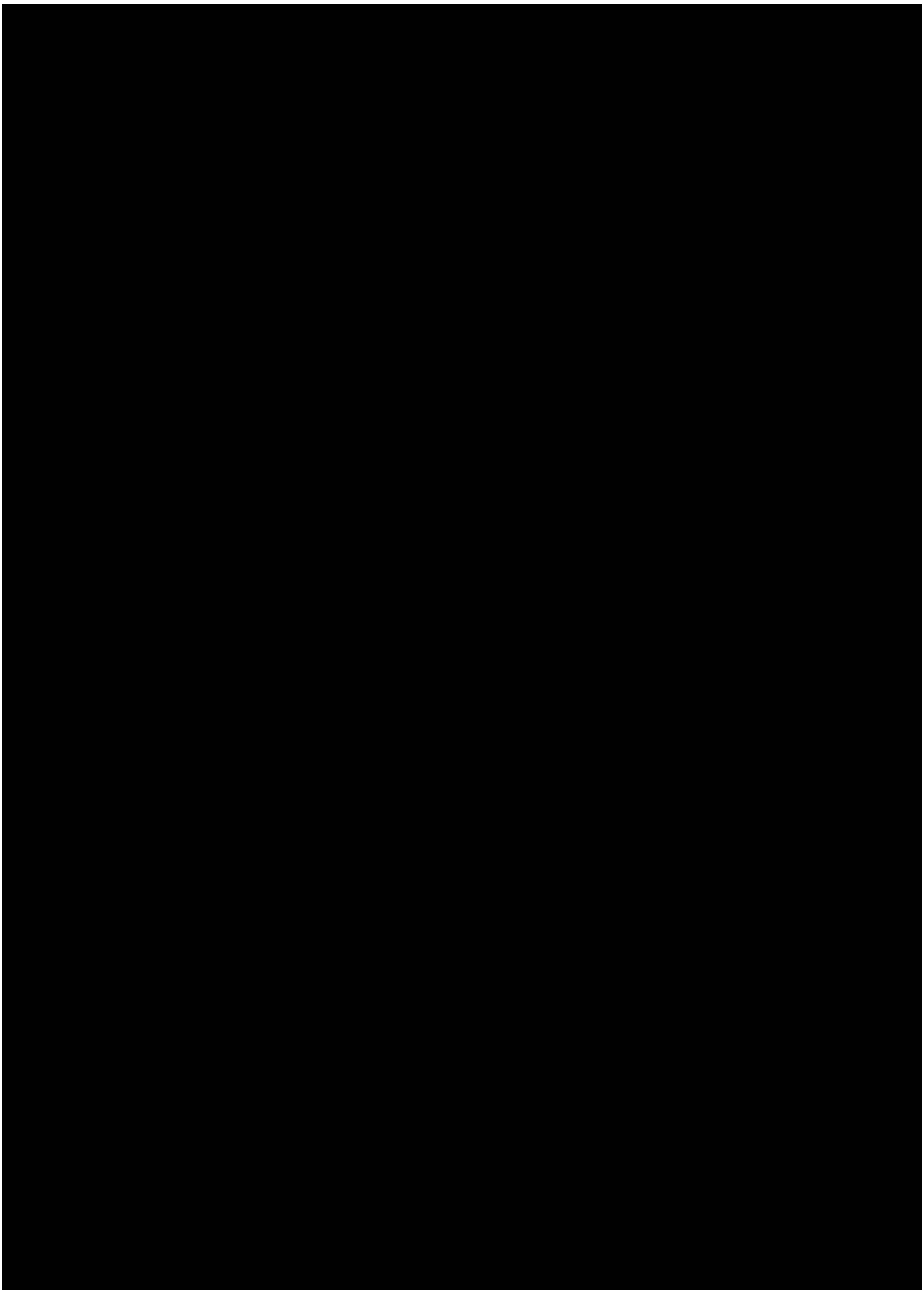

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EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED

We here at DC pride ourselves on celebrating the past while reinventing the present and propelling our characters and our shared mythology boldly into the future. For the next generation of readers and beyond, we realize that we need to continually strive to preserve what makes our characters so iconic while never being too precious of the mythology for fear of chaining down our characters.

In line with this editorial directive, we are excited to showcase—in this Free Comic Book Day comic—three major changes in our most iconic characters, which will debut in their own monthly comic books in June. These aren't preview stories, or reprinted tales or even the first eight pages of the comics...no, these are new, complete one-off stories designed to show fans all the exciting changes we have in store for the DC Universe this summer.

In **Batman**, the fan-favorite, best-selling team of writer Scott Snyder and artist Greg Capullo unveil the newest hero to don the cowl as Gotham falls under the watch of an all-new, dare we say, all-different Dark Knight in a story that will redefine the status quo and the Batman mythos for future generations of readers.

In **Superman**, we welcome aboard award-winning, critically acclaimed writer Gene Luen Yang as he and legendary artist John Romita Jr. take Superman in a bold new direction in which everything we take for granted about the Man of Steel is shaken to its core—when he is betrayed by the one he trusts the most.

Finally, in **Justice League**, written by superstar writer Geoff Johns and with art by DC's newest pencilling sensation Jason Fabok, we see dark forces maneuver as sides are drawn for the Darkseid Anti-Monitor War—a war that threatens to tear the cosmos itself apart.

But this is just the start. In June, we will be launching 24 new #1 issues alongside our best-selling 25 core titles. We are creating the most ambitious and wildest lineup of DC Comics in our 80-year history as we celebrate diversity—diversity not just in character, but in creator, in voice, tonality and storytelling. Look for new series showcasing such wonderfully different characters and concepts as **Bat-Mite**, **Prez**, the **Omega Men** and **We Are Robin!** Expect the unexpected as we usher in a new age for the **Justice League of America** written and drawn by the incredible Bryan Hitch, and the return of prodigal sons writer Garth Ennis and artist John McCrea on **Section Eight**!

As the legions of comics fans grow exponentially with every passing year, we here at DC want to make sure we have something for everyone, and that DC truly represents, in every way possible, the world that surrounds us.

Best,

Dan and Jim

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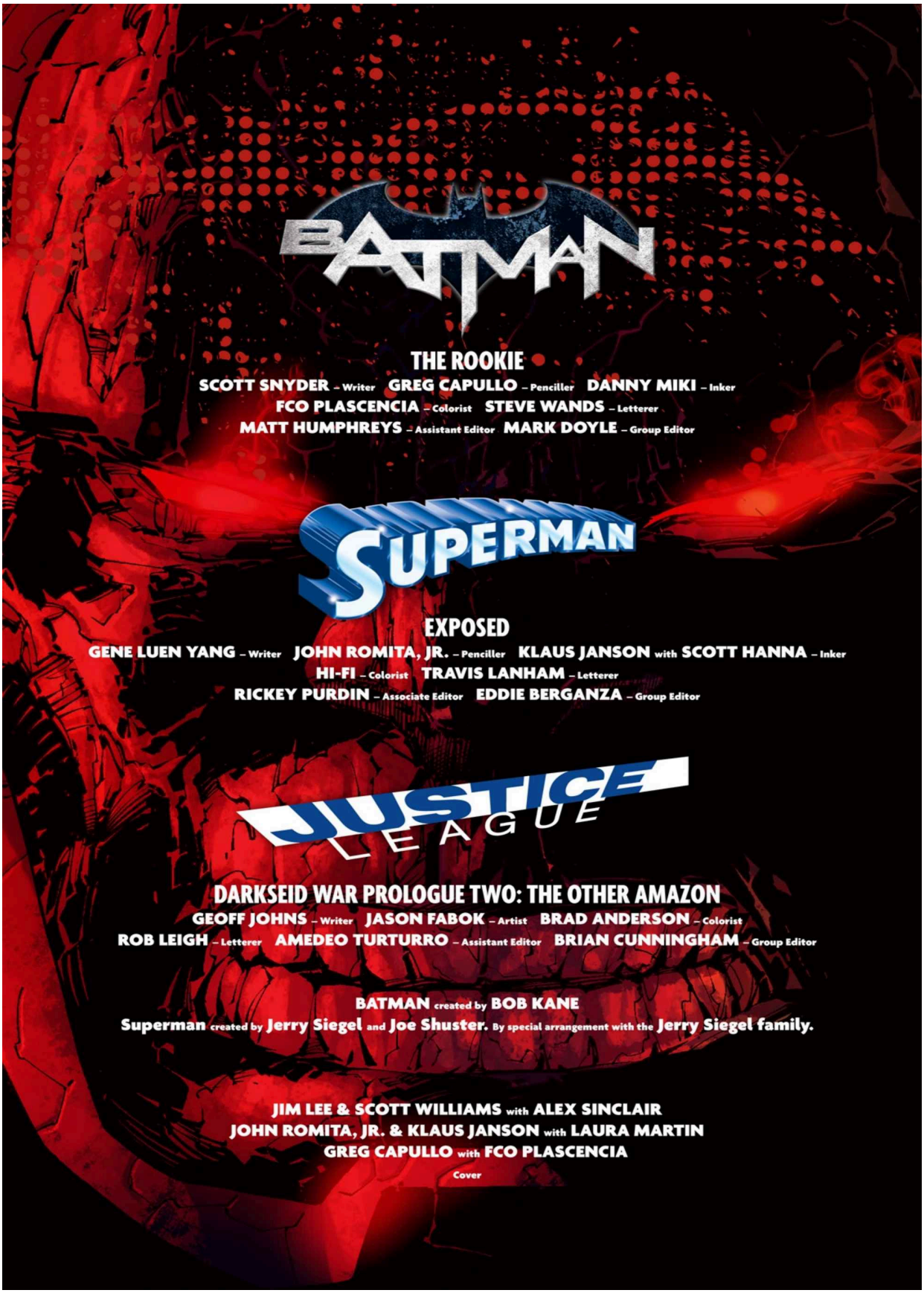
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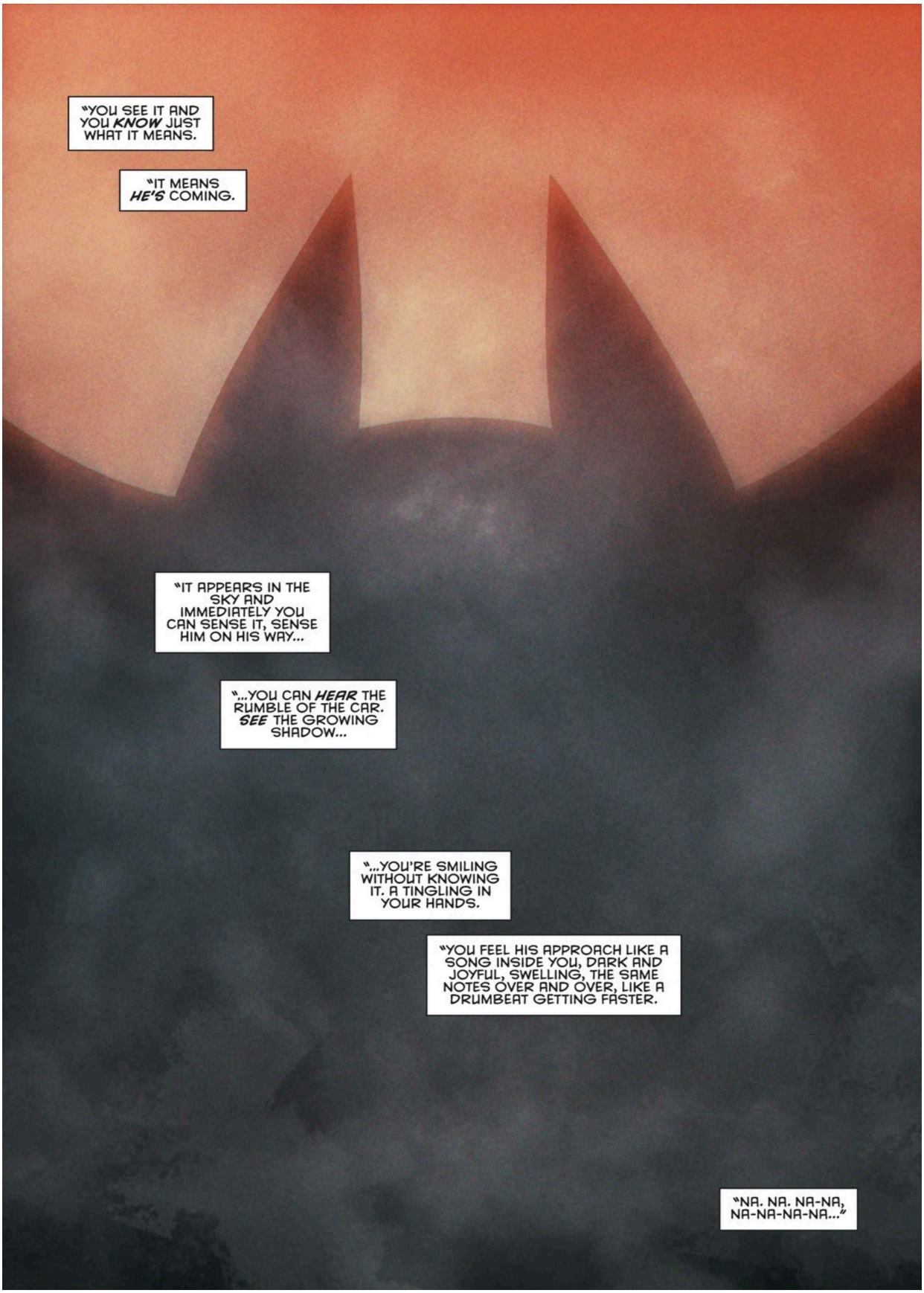
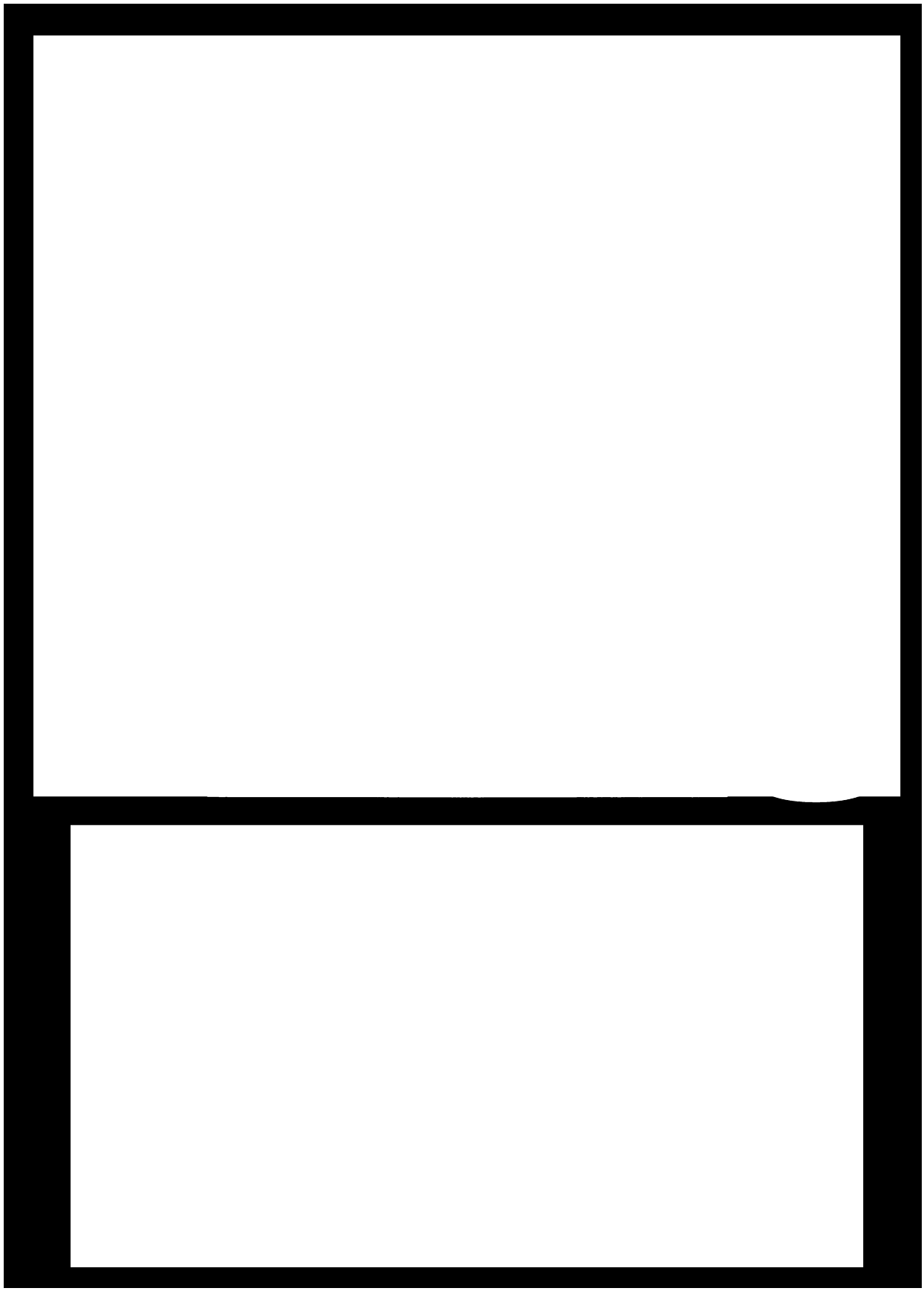
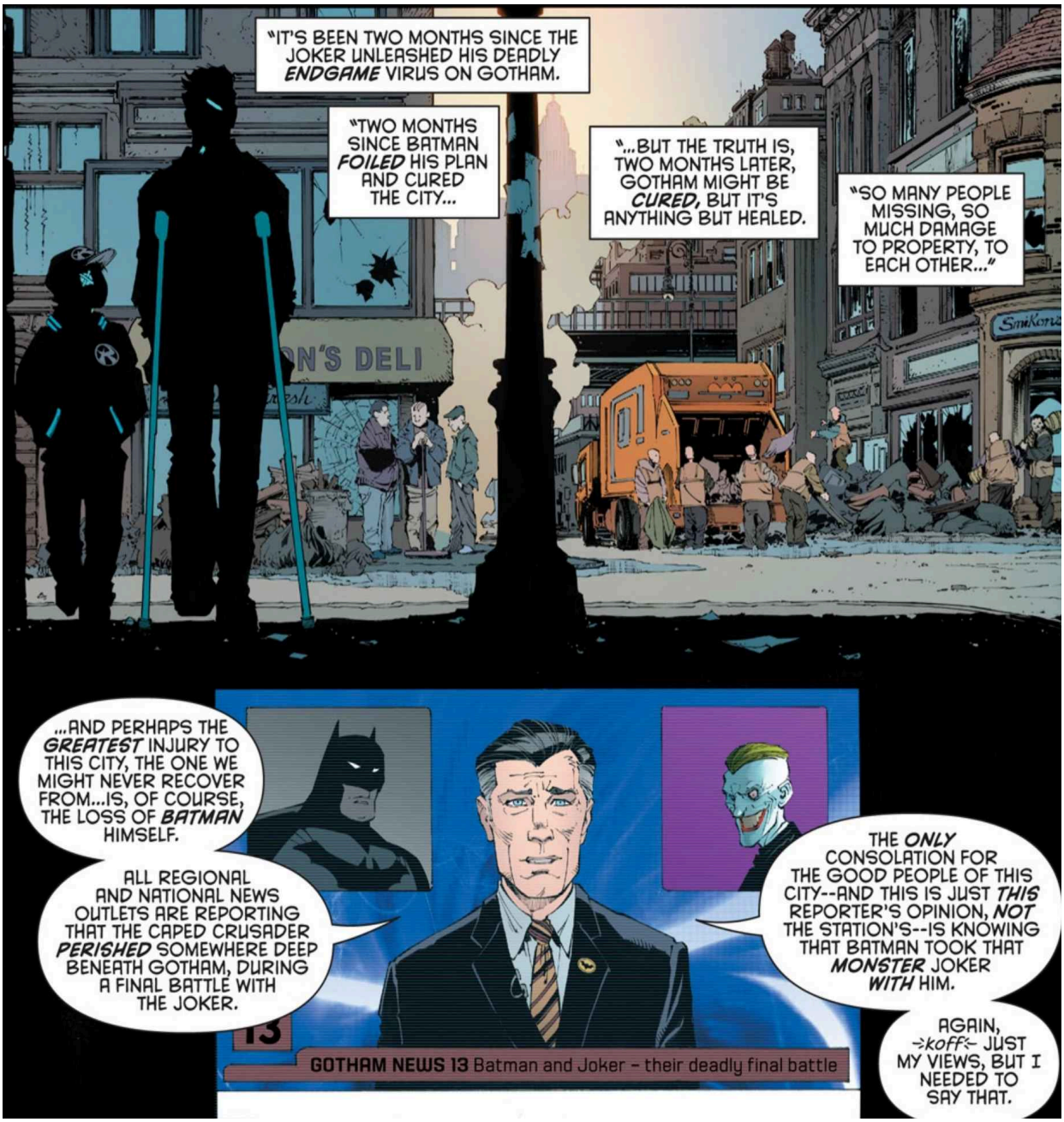

"YOU SEE IT AND YOU *KNOW* JUST WHAT IT MEANS.
"IT MEANS *HE'S* COMING.
"IT APPEARS IN THE SKY AND IMMEDIATELY YOU CAN SENSE IT, SENSE HIM ON HIS WAY...
"...YOU CAN *HEAR* THE RUMBLE OF THE CAR. *SEE* THE GROWING SHADOW...
"...YOU'RE SMILING WITHOUT KNOWING IT. A TINGLING IN YOUR HANDS.
"YOU FEEL HIS APPROACH LIKE A SONG INSIDE YOU, DARK AND JOYFUL, SWELLING, THE SAME NOTES OVER AND OVER, LIKE A DRUMBEAT GETTING FASTER.
"NA. NA. NA-NA, NA-NA-NA-NA..."

"...BUT HE'S *NOT* COMING.

"NOT TONIGHT.
"NOT EVER AGAIN."




"IT'S BEEN TWO MONTHS SINCE THE JOKER UNLEASHED HIS DEADLY ENDGAME VIRUS ON GOTHAM.
"TWO MONTHS SINCE BATMAN FOILED HIS PLAN AND CURED THE CITY...
"...BUT THE TRUTH IS, TWO MONTHS LATER, GOTHAM MIGHT BE CURED, BUT IT'S ANYTHING BUT HEALED.
"SO MANY PEOPLE MISSING, SO MUCH DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, TO EACH OTHER..."
...AND PERHAPS THE GREATEST INJURY TO THIS CITY, THE ONE WE MIGHT NEVER RECOVER FROM...IS, OF COURSE, THE LOSS OF BATMAN HIMSELF.
ALL REGIONAL AND NATIONAL NEWS OUTLETS ARE REPORTING THAT THE CAPED CRUSADER PERISHED SOMEWHERE DEEP BENEATH GOTHAM, DURING A FINAL BATTLE WITH THE JOKER.
THE ONLY CONSOLATION FOR THE GOOD PEOPLE OF THIS CITY--AND THIS IS JUST THIS REPORTER'S OPINION, NOT THE STATION'S--IS KNOWING THAT BATMAN TOOK THAT MONSTER JOKER WITH HIM.
AGAIN, -koff- JUST MY VIEWS, BUT I NEEDED TO SAY THAT.
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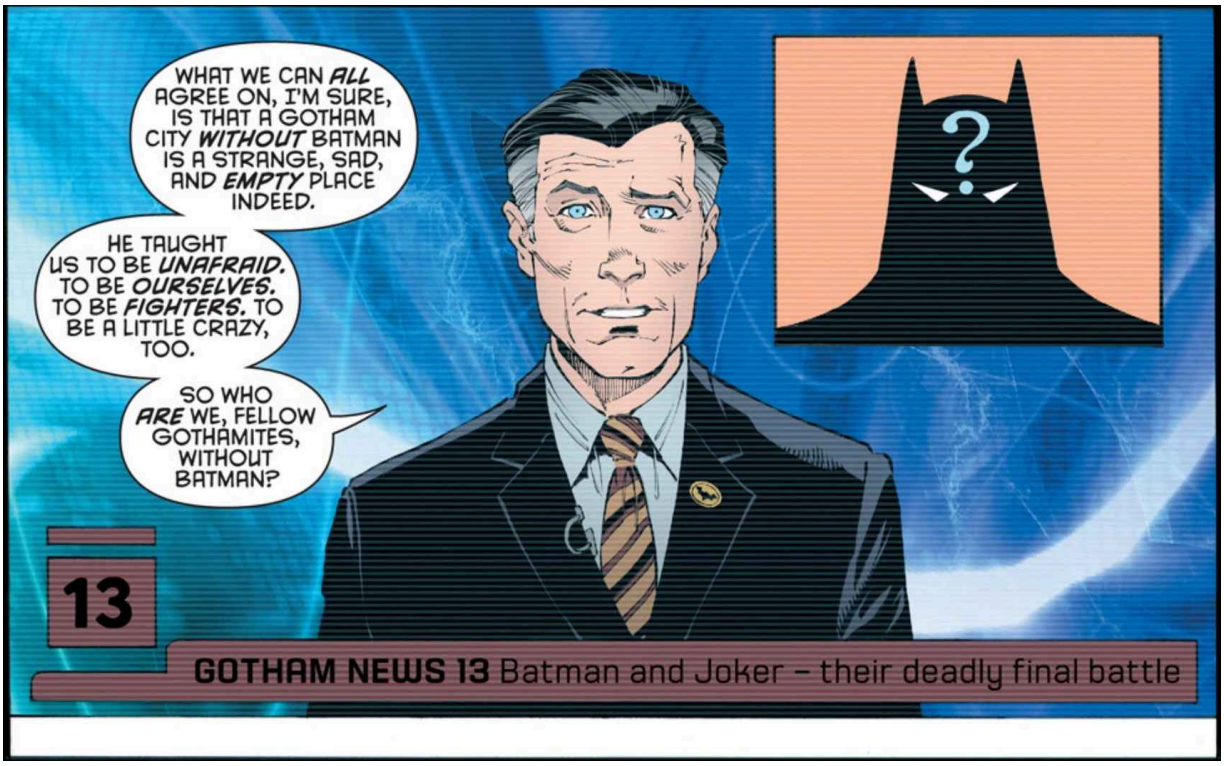
WHAT WE CAN ALL AGREE ON, I'M SURE, IS THAT A GOTHAM CITY WITHOUT BATMAN IS A STRANGE, SAD, AND EMPTY PLACE INDEED.
HE TAUGHT US TO BE UNAFRAID. TO BE OURSELVES. TO BE FIGHTERS. TO BE A LITTLE CRAZY, TOO.
SO WHO ARE WE, FELLOW GOTHAMITES, WITHOUT BATMAN?
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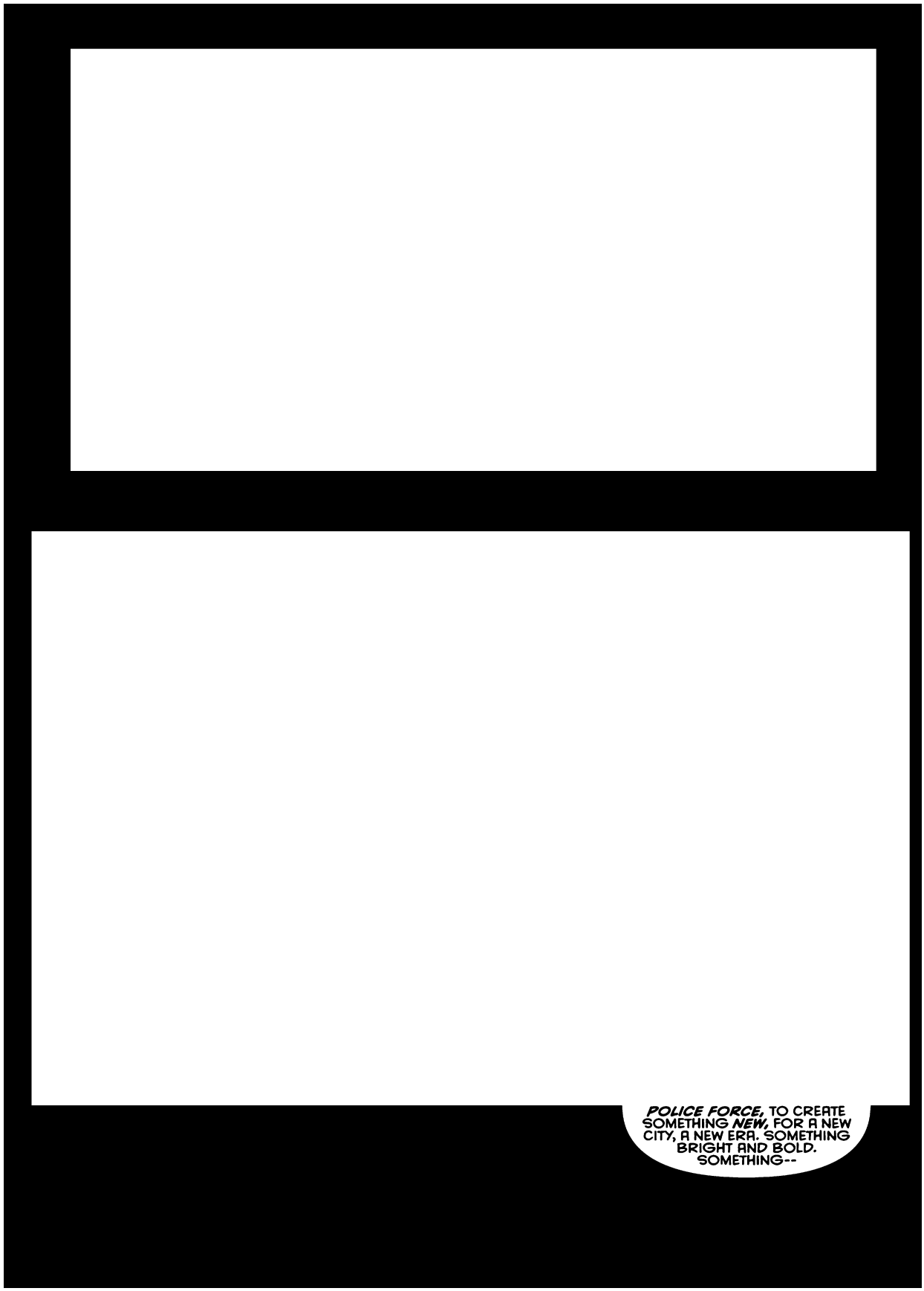
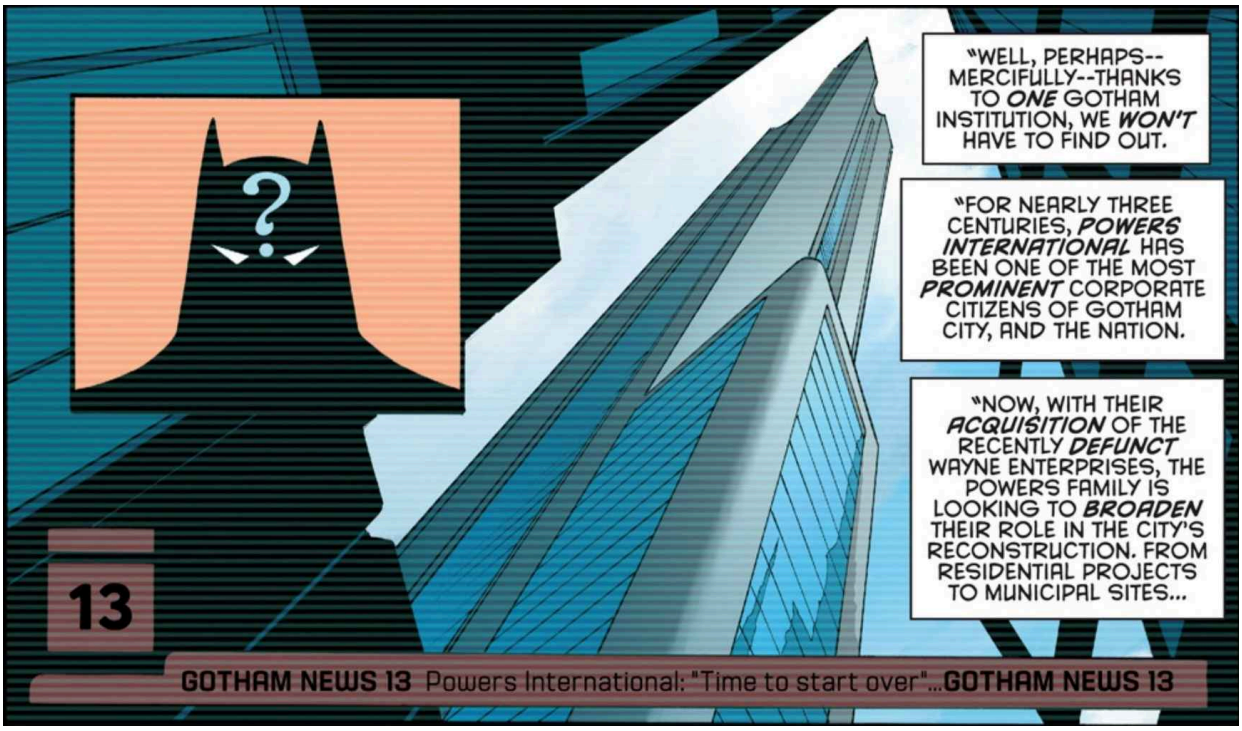

POLICE FORCE, TO CREATE SOMETHING *NEW,* FOR A NEW CITY, A NEW ERA. SOMETHING BRIGHT AND BOLD. SOMETHING--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"WELL, PERHAPS--MERCIFULLY--THANKS TO ONE GOTHAM INSTITUTION, WE WON'T HAVE TO FIND OUT.
"FOR NEARLY THREE CENTURIES, POWERS INTERNATIONAL HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MOST PROMINENT CORPORATE CITIZENS OF GOTHAM CITY, AND THE NATION.
"NOW, WITH THEIR ACQUISITION OF THE RECENTLY DEFUNCT WAYNE ENTERPRISES, THE POWERS FAMILY IS LOOKING TO BROADEN THEIR ROLE IN THE CITY'S RECONSTRUCTION. FROM RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS TO MUNICIPAL SITES...
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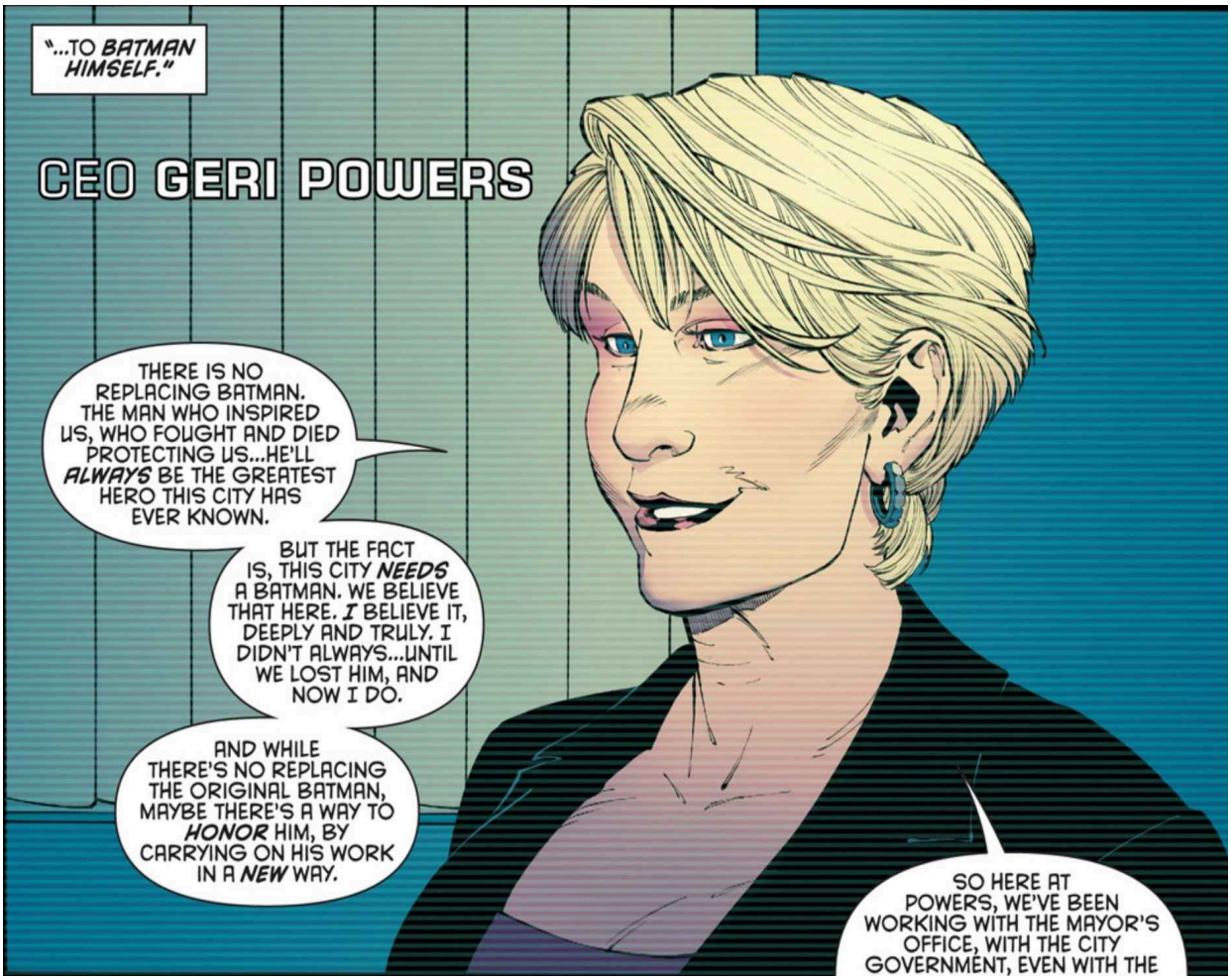
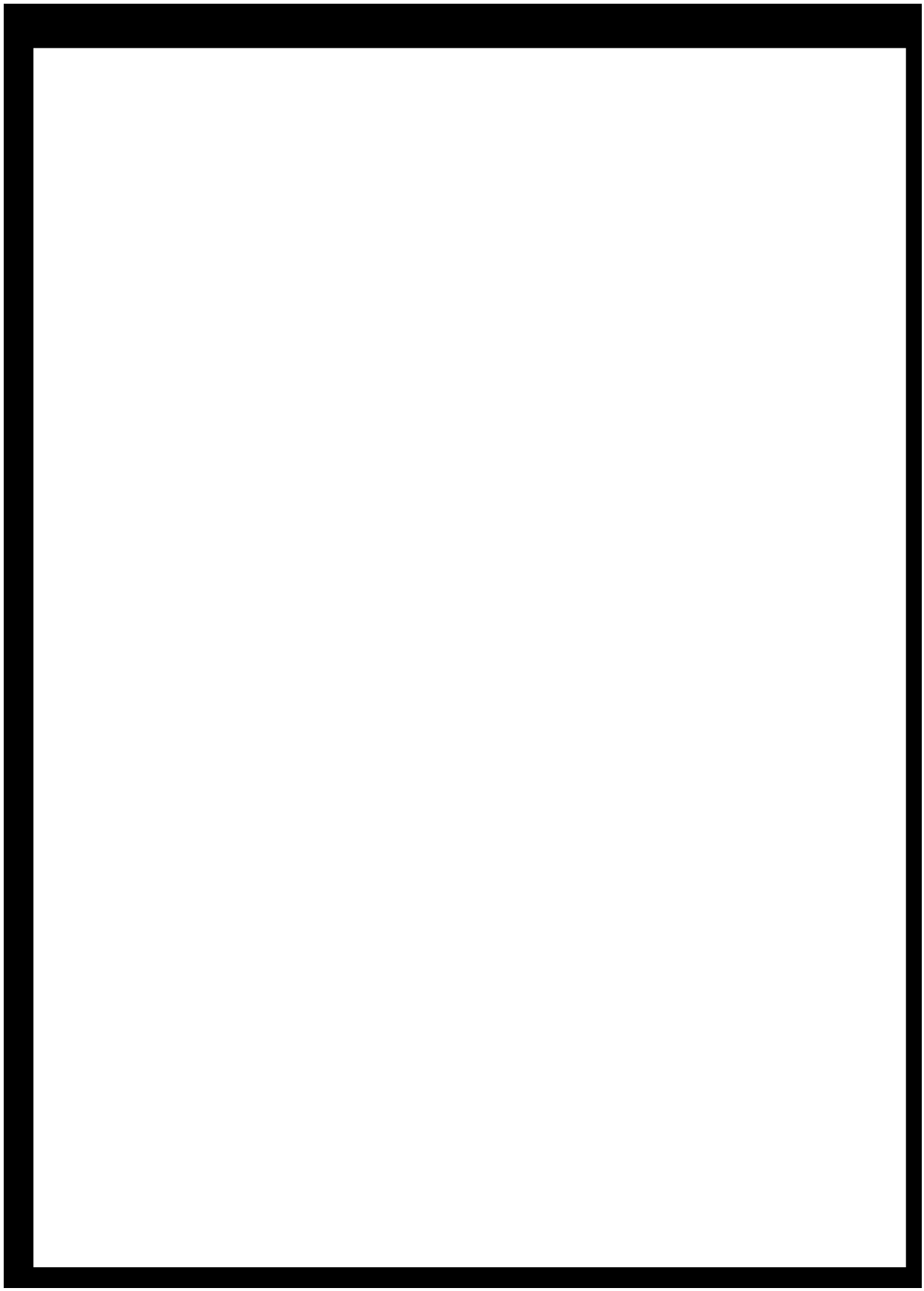
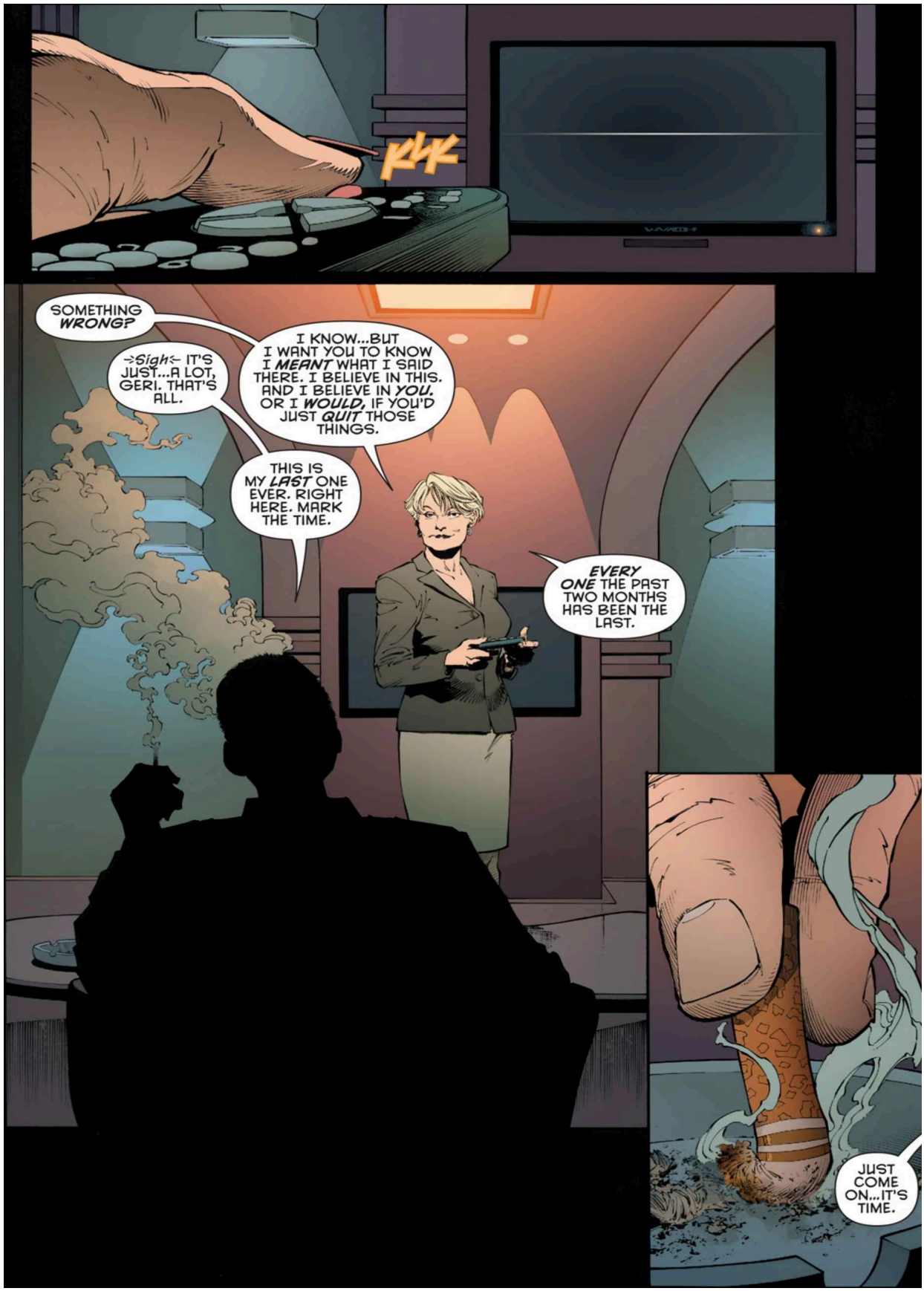
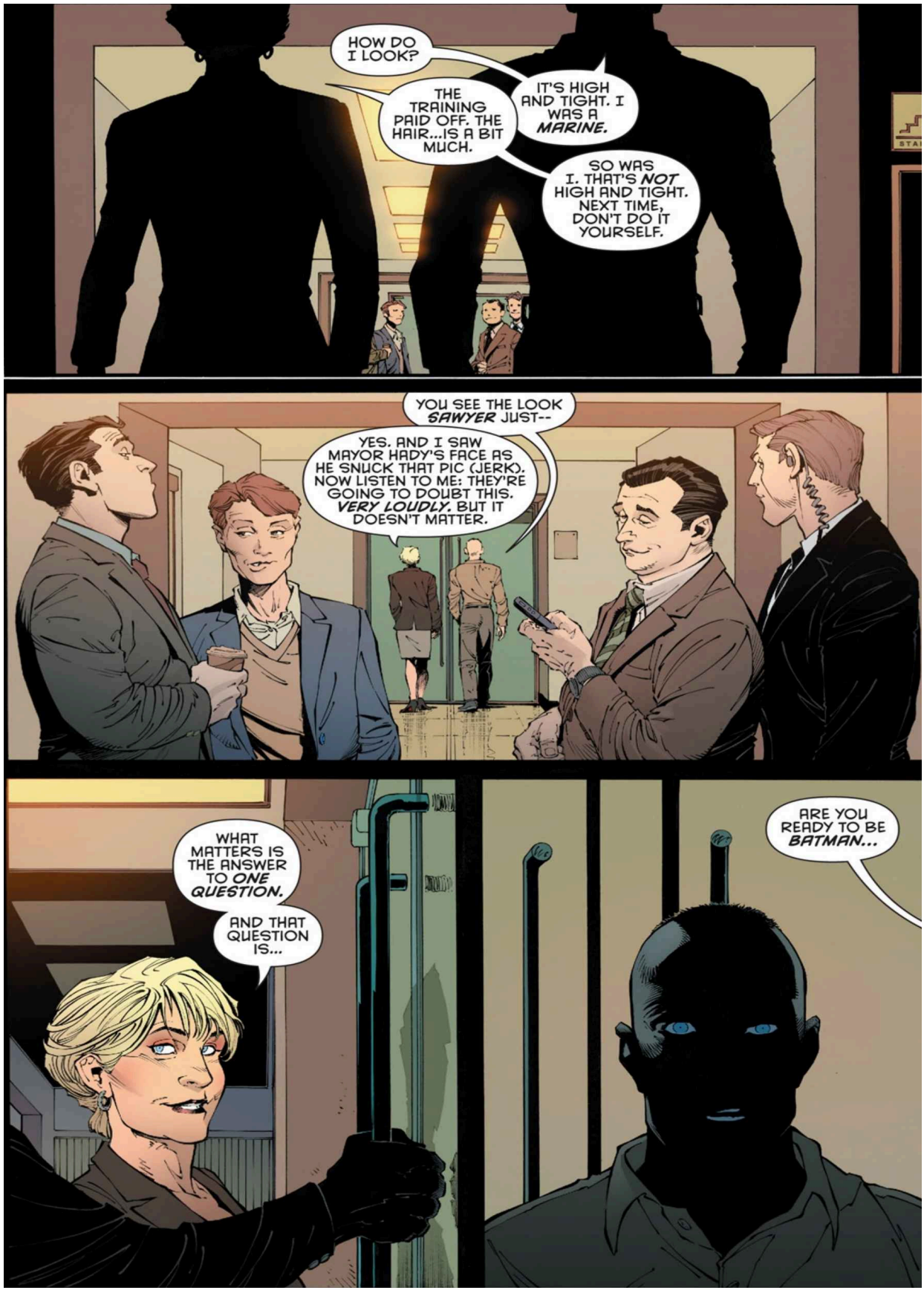

"...TO BATMAN HIMSELF."
CEO GERI POWERS
THERE IS NO REPLACING BATMAN. THE MAN WHO INSPIRED US, WHO FOUGHT AND DIED PROTECTING US...HE'LL ALWAYS BE THE GREATEST HERO THIS CITY HAS EVER KNOWN.
BUT THE FACT IS, THIS CITY NEEDS A BATMAN. WE BELIEVE THAT HERE. I BELIEVE IT, DEEPLY AND TRULY. I DIDN'T ALWAYS...UNTIL WE LOST HIM, AND NOW I DO.
AND WHILE THERE'S NO REPLACING THE ORIGINAL BATMAN, MAYBE THERE'S A WAY TO HONOR HIM, BY CARRYING ON HIS WORK IN A NEW WAY.
SO HERE AT POWERS, WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH THE MAYOR'S OFFICE, WITH THE CITY GOVERNMENT, EVEN WITH THE

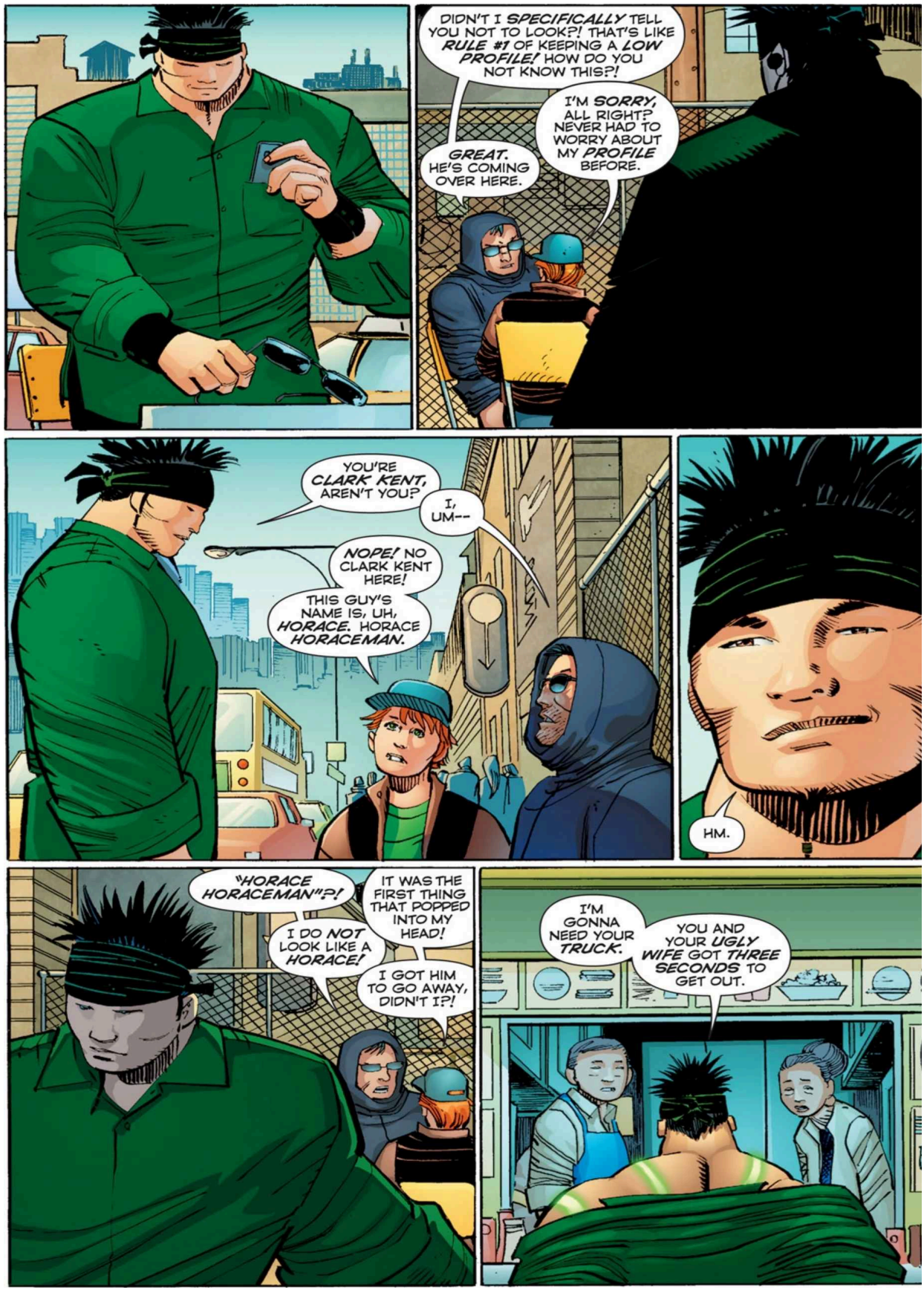



KLK
SOMETHING WRONG?
→Sigh← IT'S JUST...A LOT, GERI. THAT'S ALL.
I KNOW...BUT I WANT YOU TO KNOW I MEANT WHAT I SAID THERE. I BELIEVE IN THIS. AND I BELIEVE IN YOU, OR I WOULD, IF YOU'D JUST QUIT THOSE THINGS.
THIS IS MY LAST ONE EVER. RIGHT HERE. MARK THE TIME.
EVERY ONE THE PAST TWO MONTHS HAS BEEN THE LAST.
JUST COME ON...IT'S TIME.


HOW DO I LOOK?
THE TRAINING PAID OFF. THE HAIR...IS A BIT MUCH.
IT'S HIGH AND TIGHT. I WAS A MARINE.
SO WAS I. THAT'S NOT HIGH AND TIGHT. NEXT TIME, DON'T DO IT YOURSELF.
YOU SEE THE LOOK SAWYER JUST--
YES. AND I SAW MAYOR HADY'S FACE AS HE SNUCK THAT PIC (JERK). NOW LISTEN TO ME: THEY'RE GOING TO DOUBT THIS. VERY LOUDLY. BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER.
WHAT MATTERS IS THE ANSWER TO ONE QUESTION.
AND THAT QUESTION IS...
ARE YOU READY TO BE BATMAN...

...COMMISSIONER GORDON?
ABSOLUTELY NOT.
KCHNK
GCPD
AND I'D LIKE TO GO ON RECORD AS SAYING THIS IS THE *DUMBEST* IDEA IN THE HISTORY OF GOTHAM CITY.
NOW WHERE'S MY DAMN BATMOBILE?
LET'S GO HAVE SOME *FUN.*

SO THIS IS YOUR NEW BREAKFAST SPOT, HUH?
Anh Thien
NOODLES + DONUTS
THE COFFEE'S GOT AN, UM, INTERESTING SORTA KICK.
THE OWNERS LIVE DOWN THE STREET FROM WHERE I'M STAYING. THEY NEVER PARK THEIR TRUCK IN THE SAME PLACE TWO WEEKS IN A ROW.
PERFECT FOR SOMEONE TRYING TO KEEP A LOW PROFILE. I GET IT.
YOU DOING OKAY? YOU NEED SOME MONEY?
NO, JIM. I'M FINE.
WHAT ABOUT... THE OTHER STUFF? YOU KNOW, YOUR POWERS.
I'M STILL NOT AT 100%
I'M NOT SURE WHAT'S GOING ON...IT FEELS LIKE I'VE GOT THIS LAYER OF PLASTIC OVER ME, AND I CAN'T GET IT OFF.
DON'T LOOK, BUT THAT GUY OVER THERE IS STARING AT US.
WHAT GUY?


DIDN'T I SPECIFICALLY TELL YOU NOT TO LOOK?! THAT'S LIKE RULE #1 OF KEEPING A LOW PROFILE! HOW DO YOU NOT KNOW THIS?!
I'M SORRY, ALL RIGHT? NEVER HAD TO WORRY ABOUT MY PROFILE BEFORE.
GREAT. HE'S COMING OVER HERE.
YOU'RE CLARK KENT, AREN'T YOU?
I, UM--
NOPE! NO CLARK KENT HERE!
THIS GUY'S NAME IS, UH, HORACE. HORACE HORACEMAN.
HM.
"HORACE HORACEMAN"?!
IT WAS THE FIRST THING THAT POPPED INTO MY HEAD!
I DO NOT LOOK LIKE A HORACE!
I GOT HIM TO GO AWAY, DIDN'T I?!
I'M GONNA NEED YOUR TRUCK.
YOU AND YOUR UGLY WIFE GOT THREE SECONDS TO GET OUT.

YOU LET HIM CALL ME UGLY?!
THE MAN'S BIGGER THAN OUR HOUSE! HE CAN CALL YOU WHATEVER HE WANTS!
HEY, "HORACE"!

CATCH.

KOOM

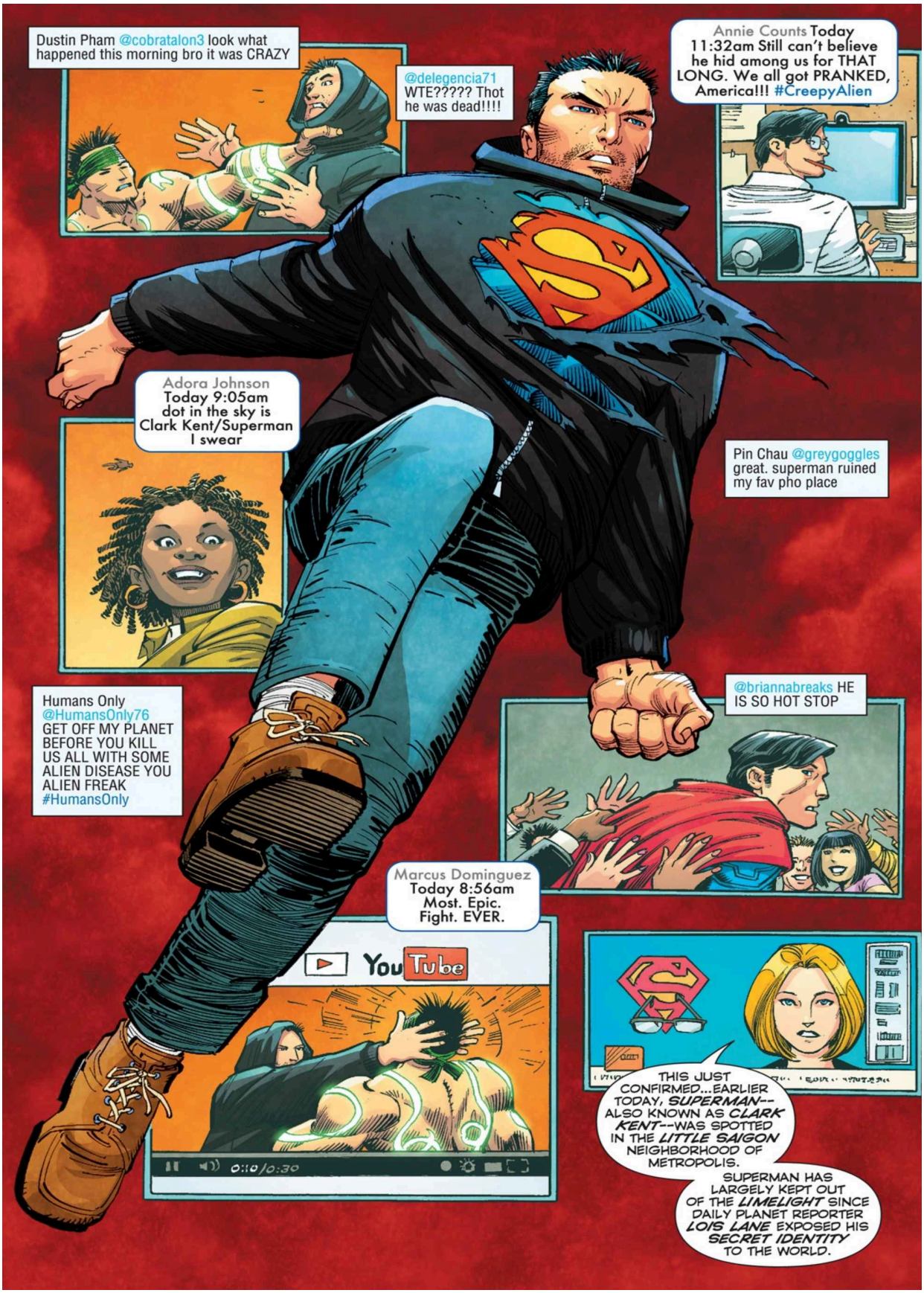
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT.
CLARK KENT.
SUPERMAN.
YOU RECOGNIZE ME?
SHOULD I RECOGNIZE YOU?
COUPLE YEARS AGO, BEFORE I'D GOTTEN MY POWERS, YOU PUT ME AWAY LIKE I WAS JUST SOME KINDA CHUMP.
HUMILIATED ME!
NNGH!
YOU OWE ME SOME RESPECT, SUPERMAN! I'M HERE TO COLLECT!

WHAM

CLARK...

I NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE.

WEEE-OOO-WEEE-OOO-


Dustin Pham @cobratalon3 look what happened this morning bro it was CRAZY
@delegencia71 WTE????? Thot he was dead!!!!
Annie Counts Today 11:32am Still can't believe he hid among us for THAT LONG. We all got PRANKED, America!!! #CreepyAlien
Adora Johnson Today 9:05am dot in the sky is Clark Kent/Superman I swear
Pin Chau @greygoggles great. superman ruined my fav pho place
Humans Only @HumansOnly76 GET OFF MY PLANET BEFORE YOU KILL US ALL WITH SOME ALIEN DISEASE YOU ALIEN FREAK #HumansOnly
@briannabreaks HE IS SO HOT STOP
Marcus Dominguez Today 8:56am Most. Epic. Fight. EVER.
YouTube
0:10/0:30
THIS JUST CONFIRMED...EARLIER TODAY, SUPERMAN--ALSO KNOWN AS CLARK KENT--WAS SPOTTED IN THE LITTLE SAIGON NEIGHBORHOOD OF METROPOLIS.
SUPERMAN HAS LARGELY KEPT OUT OF THE LIMELIGHT SINCE DAILY PLANET REPORTER LOIS LANE EXPOSED HIS SECRET IDENTITY TO THE WORLD.

EXPOSED

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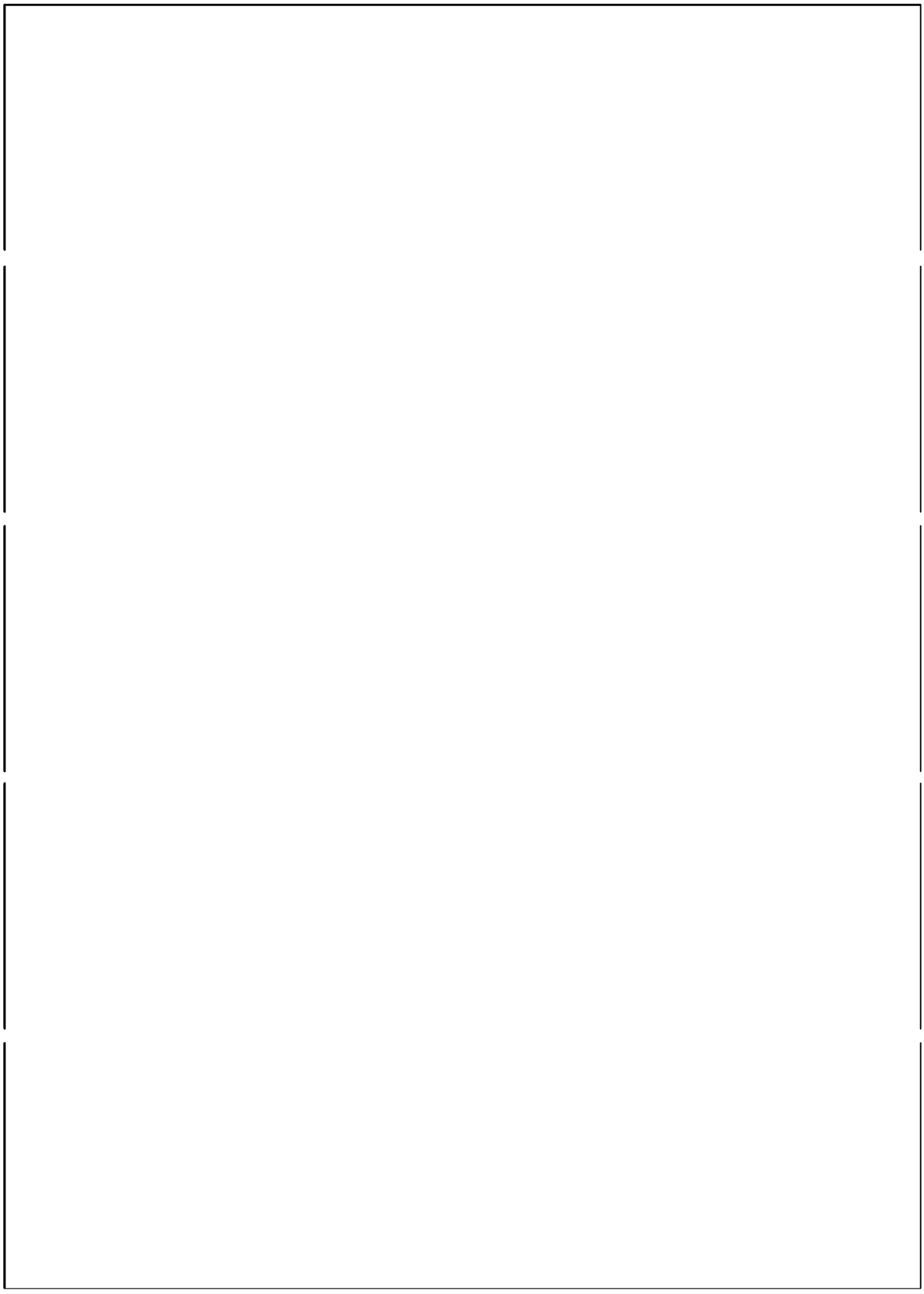
GETaWAY
MOTEL
VACANCY
KNOCK KNOCK
LOIS! HOW'D YOU FIND ME?
I HAVE MY WAYS.
GREAT. SO OTHER PEOPLE MIGHT HAVE THEIR WAYS, TOO.
HOW ARE YOU? YOU NEED SOME CASH? LET ME SEE WHAT I'VE GOT...
STOP. WHY'S EVERYBODY TRYING TO GIVE ME MONEY?
BECAUSE YOU LOOK LIKE CRAP, CLARK! HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN LIVING IN THIS PLACE?
HOW CAN I HELP YOU, LOIS?
LOOK, I HEARD ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED THIS MORNING.
I CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT...YOU KNOW... WHAT I DID. I CAN'T STOP WORRYING ABOUT YOU.
I SHOULD'VE LOOKED FOR ANOTHER WAY. I HAD NO RIGHT.
I'M SORRY.
THERE'S NOTHING TO APOLOGIZE FOR. IT'S THE CHOICE YOU MADE.
GOODBYE, LOIS.



A PARENT WOULD DO ANYTHING TO PROTECT THEIR CHILD.
IN A WAY, THAT'S WHY THE GODDESSES CREATED US. THE AMAZONS WERE TO INSPIRE AND PROTECT MANKIND AGAINST THE INFLUENCE OF ARES.
BUT WE SPENT A LIFETIME AT WAR WITH THE WORLD.
AFTER DEFEATING HERCULES AND HIS BUTCHERING ARMY AT THE COST OF MANY LIVES, HIPPOLYTA LED US INTO SECLUSION.
TO A HIDDEN ISLAND CALLED THEMYSCIRA.
IT WAS PARADISE.

OR IT APPEARED TO BE.

TO THIS DAY, I STILL WONDER.
DID HIPPOLYTA ABANDON THE WORLD TRYING TO PROTECT US--

--OR TRYING TO PROTECT HER CHILD-TO-BE?
AAHH!
HIPPOLYTA, THE GODS HAVE BLESSED US.
THAT NIGHT A STORM HIT THE ISLAND.

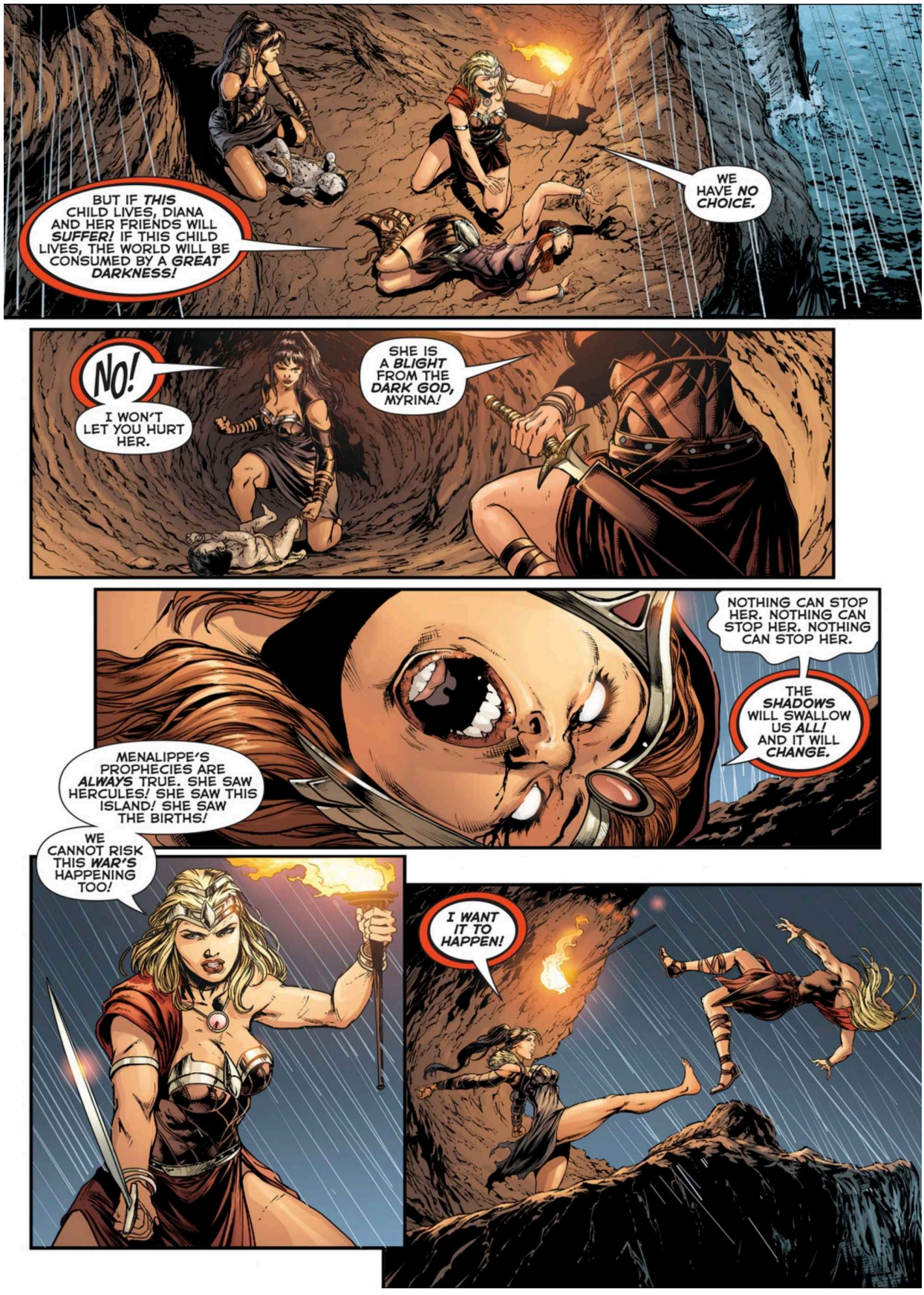
HIPPOLYTA GAVE HER THE NAME DIANA.
A ROMAN NAME.
I SUSPECT IT WAS AN ATTEMPT TO OBFUSCATE THE IDENTITY OF HER FATHER, AS WAS THE STORY OF DIANA'S MIRACULOUS "BIRTH" FROM CLAY.
BUT THERE ARE OTHER SECRETS THAT GO BEYOND DIANA AND HER LINEAGE.
DARKER SECRETS.
FOR ONE...HIPPOLYTA WASN'T THE ONLY AMAZON TO GIVE BIRTH AT THAT MOMENT...

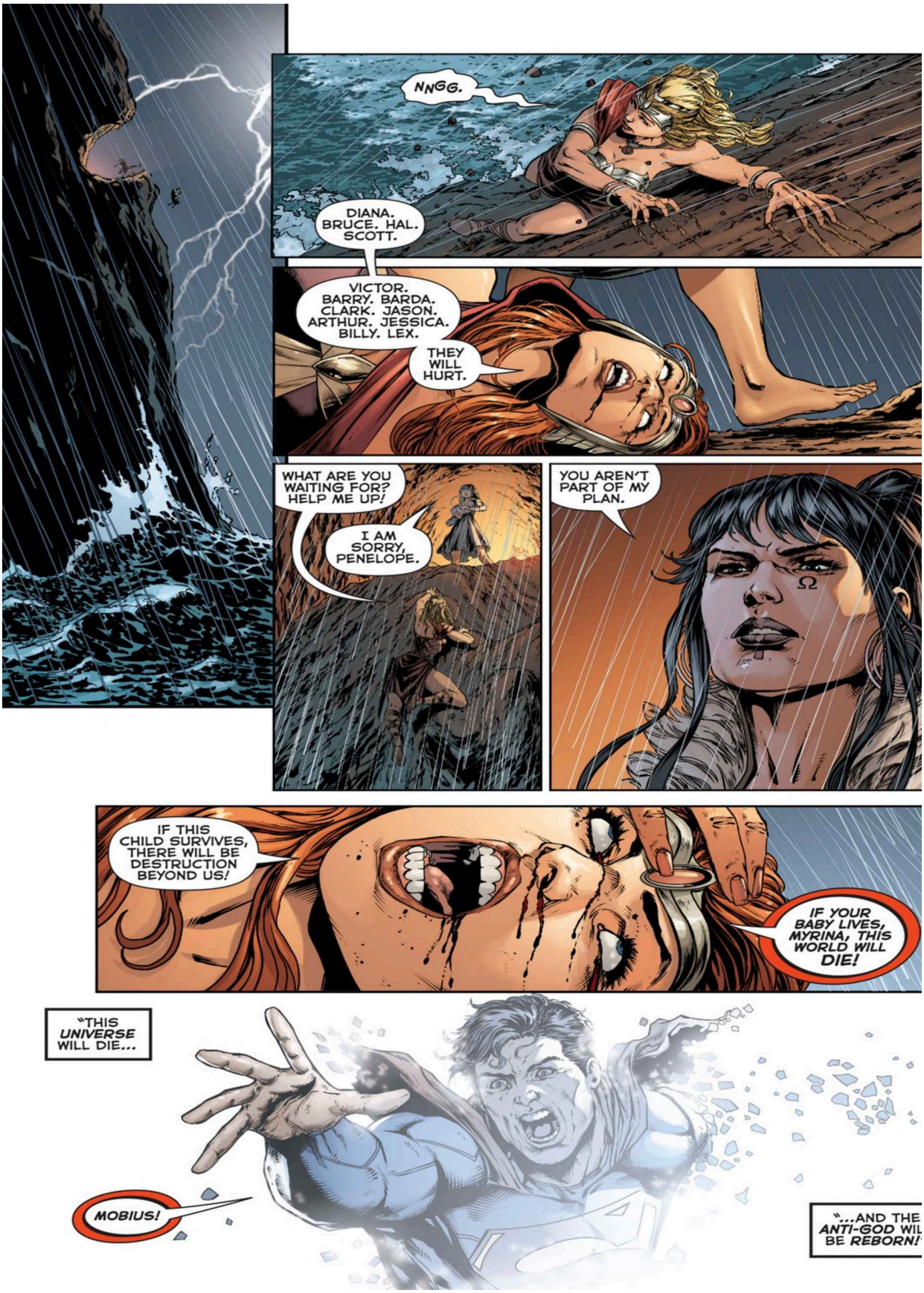
...I DID TOO. AS IF THE FATES WERE PLAYING WITH THE CHILDREN OF THE AMAZONS THAT NIGHT.
I AM MYRINA. AMAZONIAN ASSASSIN. SLAYER OF ECHIDNA AND TAMER OF THE GRIFFIN.
BUT OBVIOUSLY, I'M NOT WITHOUT FAULT.
AARRR!!
SOMETHING'S WRONG. WE HAVE TO GET HELP. EPIONE AND HER HEALING RAY!
NO, PENELOPE. NO ONE ELSE CAN KNOW.
YOU SHOULD'VE TOLD HIPPOLYTA THE TRUTH, MYRINA. THAT YOU WERE WITH CHILD TOO.
EEEEEE!
WAAA

STILL. SHE WAS MINE.
SSSSSSS
MENALIPPE?!
MENALIPPE WAS HIPPOLYTA'S FAVORITE ORACLE.
SHE HAD FORESEEN THE BIRTHS THAT NIGHT, BUT NOTHING BEYOND THIS ONE.
IT'S WHY SHE DEMANDED TO BE THERE.
SO SHE COULD FIND OUT WHY.
I SMELL THE SCENT OF ASH WITHIN THE BABY'S BREATH. I CAN SEE AGAIN. THE D-DAUGHTER OF THE DARK GOD.
ONE DAY, SHE WILL SEEK OUT HER FATHER.
AND SHE WILL START A WAR!
I SEE!

"I SEE A WAR BETWEEN THE DARK GOD AND THE ANTIGOD!
"I SEE A MAN WHO WILL MAKE A HORRIFIC SACRIFICE.
YOU NEED TO KEEP IT UNDER CONTROL, BATMAN. KEEP YOUR HEAD CLEAR.
"I SEE A NEW GOD BORN.
IT'S NEVER BEEN CLEARER IN ALL MY LIFE, JORDAN. I KNOW EVERYTHING.
"I SEE HOPE LOST.
SUPERMAN?! WHERE ARE YOU?!
"I SEE A KING DROWN.

"I SEE SCIENCE AND MAGIC DIE.
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?
JUST SAY IT, VIC. SAY IT!
NOW!
"I SEE THE MAN WHO ALWAYS ESCAPES CAUGHT.
WORK, DAMMIT.
PING PANG
"AND AT THE CENTER OF IT ALL, I SEE AN AMAZON.
"BACK IN THE WORLD. CARRYING ON THE MISSION THE GODS GAVE US.
"IT IS HIPPOLYTA'S DAUGHTER!"


BUT IF THIS CHILD LIVES, DIANA AND HER FRIENDS WILL SUFFER! IF THIS CHILD LIVES, THE WORLD WILL BE CONSUMED BY A GREAT DARKNESS!
WE HAVE NO CHOICE.
NO!
I WON'T LET YOU HURT HER.
SHE IS A BLIGHT FROM THE DARK GOD, MYRINA!
NOTHING CAN STOP HER. NOTHING CAN STOP HER. NOTHING CAN STOP HER.
THE SHADOWS WILL SWALLOW US ALL! AND IT WILL CHANGE.
MENALIPPE'S PROPHECIES ARE ALWAYS TRUE. SHE SAW HERCULES! SHE SAW THIS ISLAND! SHE SAW THE BIRTHS!
WE CANNOT RISK THIS WAR'S HAPPENING TOO!
I WANT IT TO HAPPEN!


NNGG.
DIANA. BRUCE. HAL. SCOTT.
VICTOR. BARRY. BARDA. CLARK. JASON. ARTHUR. JESSICA. BILLY. LEX.
THEY WILL HURT.
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? HELP ME UP!
I AM SORRY, PENELOPE.
YOU AREN'T PART OF MY PLAN.
IF THIS CHILD SURVIVES, THERE WILL BE DESTRUCTION BEYOND US!
IF YOUR BABY LIVES, MYRINA, THIS WORLD WILL DIE!
"THIS UNIVERSE WILL DIE...
MOBIUS!
"...AND THE ANTI-GOD WIL BE REBORN!

"ALL BECAUSE OF DARKSEID'S DAUGHTER."
"HER NAME WILL BE GRAIL."
AND MY DAUGHTER WILL BRING THIS UNIVERSE SALVATION.
SHUNK
AFTER THAT, I FLED.
ON MY WAY TO THE WATER, I SAW HIPPOLYTA...
...BUT SHE DID NOT SEE ME.
I TOOK THE BODIES OF PENELOPE AND MENALIPPE WITH ME TO THE SHORE AND PUT THEM IN THE BOAT. IT WOULD LOOK LIKE ALL THREE OF US WERE LOST TO THE STORM.
I WAS THE FIRST AMAZON TO EVER LEAVE THEMYSCIRA.
TODAY, I WILL DO ANYTHING TO PROTECT MY CHILD.
I WOULD KILL ANYONE FOR HER.
NO MATTER WHAT KIND OF MONSTER SHE'S BECOME.
DEATH TO DARKSEID.
OUR MISSION IS UNDER WAY.
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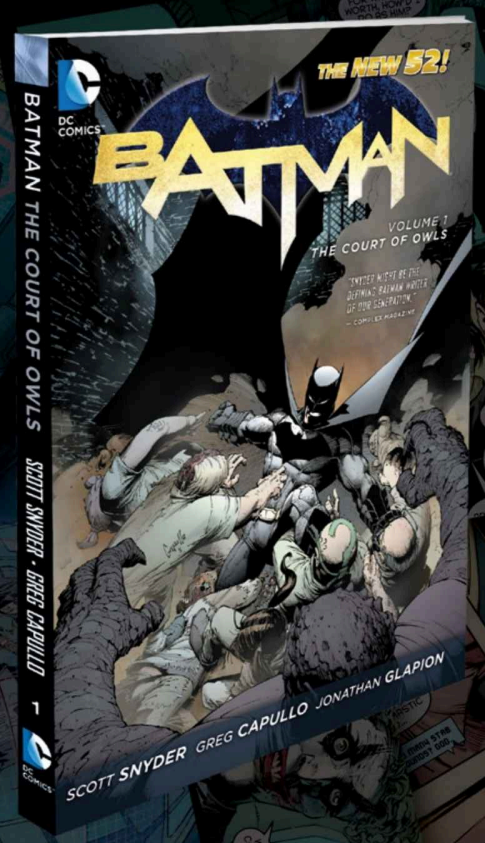
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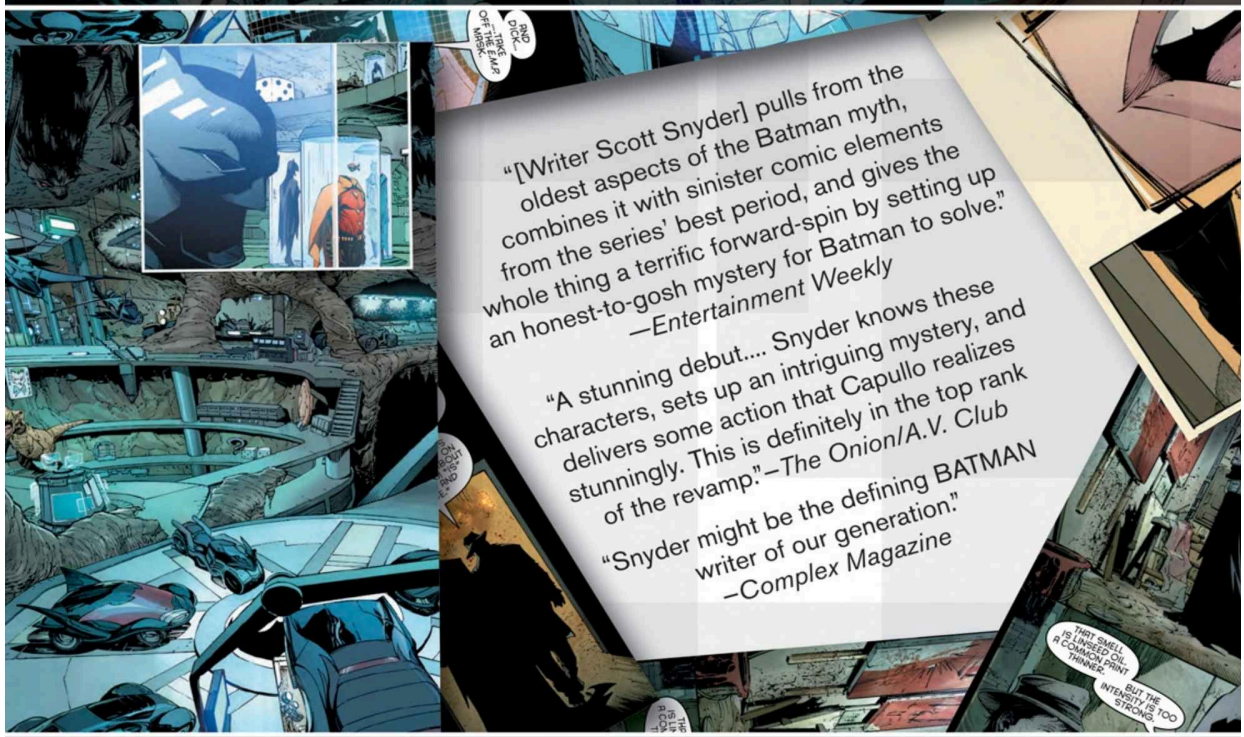

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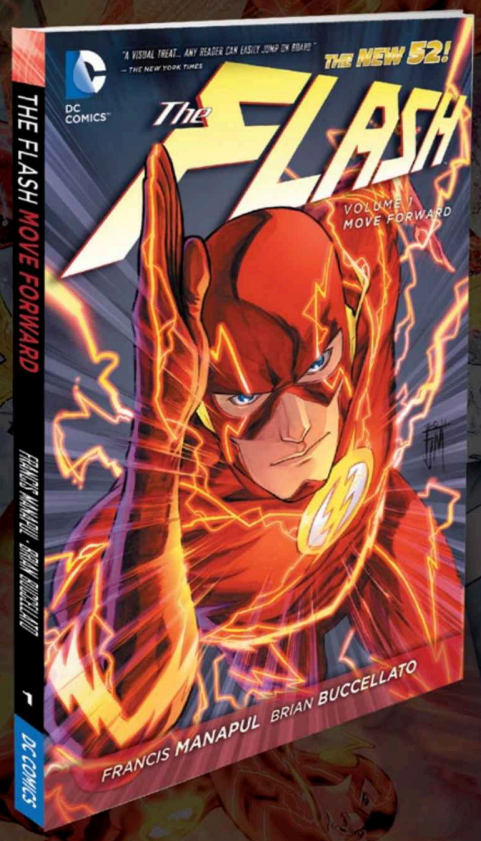

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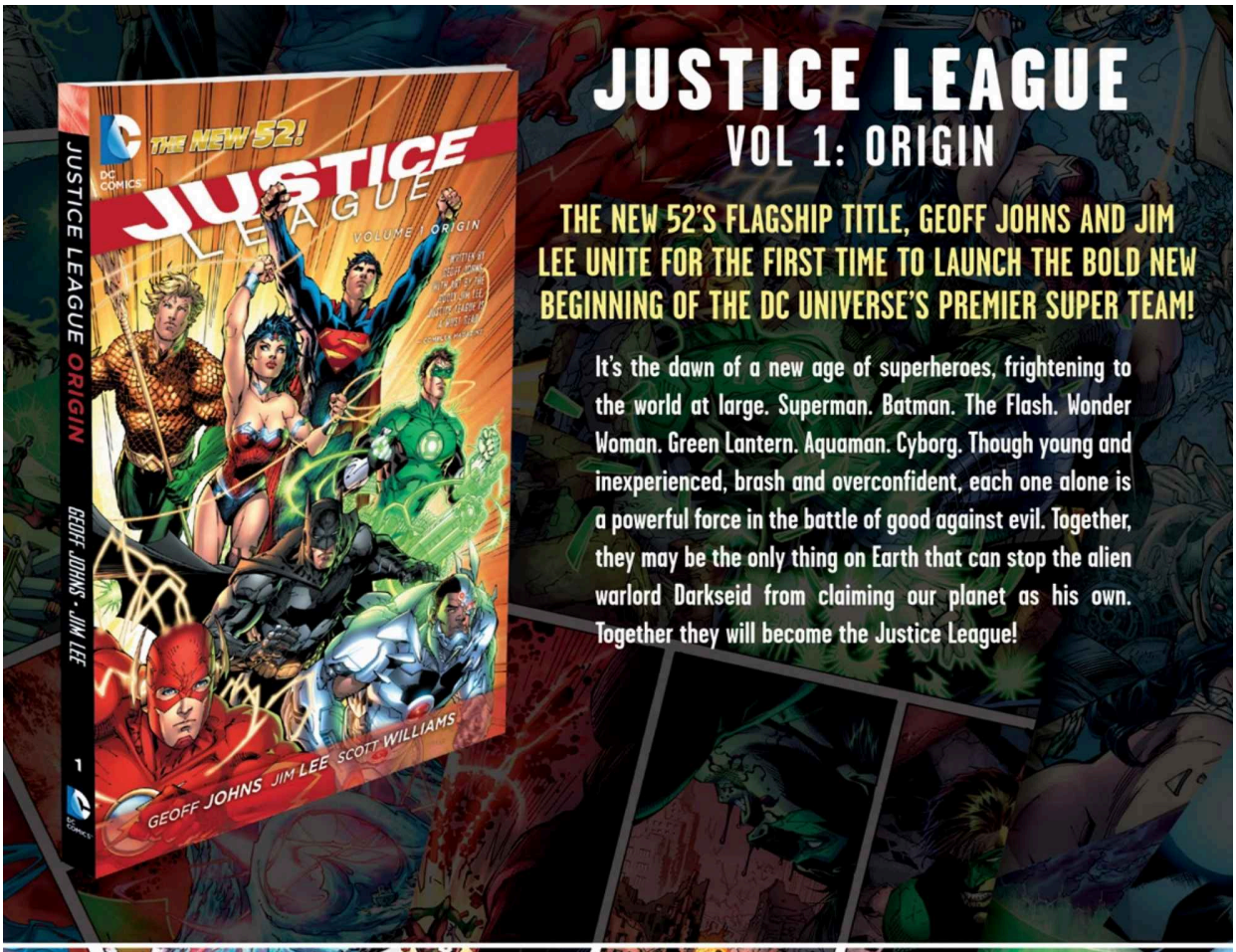

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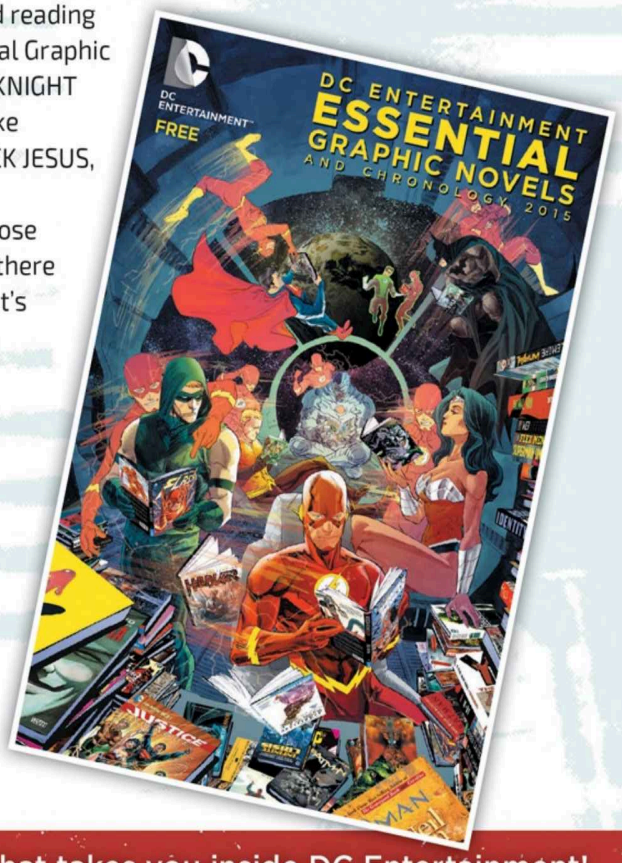

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